

Amendments to the Specification:

[0002] This application is also related to assignee's U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/945,244, filed August 31, 2001 (published as 20020057823 A1), 09/503,881 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,614,914), 09/452,023 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,408,082), 10/366,541, filed February 12, 2003 (published as US 2003-0179903 A1), 09/433,104, filed November 3, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,636,615), (~~allowed~~), 10/032,282, filed December 20, 2001 (published as US 2002-0114491 A1), and 09/498,223, filed February 3, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,574,350), and U.S. Patent No. 6,389,151. The 10/366,541 application is a grandchild of assignee's U.S. Patent No. 5,841,886. This application is also related to assignee's concurrently filed U.S. Patent Application No. 10/686,547, filed October 14, 2003 (published as US 2004-0158724 A1), titled "DIGITAL WATERMARKING FOR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS" (Attorney Docket No. P0869 - Inventors J. Scott Carr, et al.). Each of these patent documents is herein incorporated by reference.